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Dr. Stephen Sundlof
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Dear Dr. Sundlof:

I am writing to ask the FDA to ban the use of antibiotics to promote growth in farm animals. Not only is this practice harmful and cruel for the animals, it is harmful to human health.

As you are aware, the residue of these drugs is passed on to people consuming factory farmed meat products. In addition, when antibiotics are used on farms in a non-essential and irresponsible manner such as this our environment becomes contaminated with bacteria that are resistant to antibiotic treatment, posing a serious risk to human health.

Animals that live in a healthy, humane, and non-stressed environment and eat a balanced, nutritious diet as nature intended have no need for drugs to either promote their growth or to keep them healthy.

It is time to take big business out of the farms and get back to basics. There are many companies presently producing beef and chicken products from animals raised in humane, healthy, and drug-free environments. I hope to see pig farms follow suit. The end result for human animals is a healthy and productive life with a clear conscious.

Respectfully yours,



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